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SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

1. GVN SPOKESMAN HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNED OVER THE EFFECTS OF A CUT- OFF OF US BOMBING SUPPORT IN CAMBODIA AND HAVE SPECULATED ABOUT A POSSIBLE ARVN INTERVENTION IN THAT COUNTRY. THE MFA ALSO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING THE GVN' S HOPE FOR PEACE AND RVN CHIEF DEL TO THE GVN/ PRG BILATERALS, NGUYEN LUU VIEN, RETURNED TO PARIS. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TPJMC MADE PRG DEPLOYMENT, AT LEAST TO REGIONAL SITES, SEEM POSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. MILITARY ACTION IN ALL MRS REMAINED LIGHT THOUGH BRISK FIGHTING CONTINUED IN KONTUM, BINH DINH AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCES. IN THE LATTER THE ARVN HAS APPARENTLY SUFFERED A RATHER SHARP LOCAL SETBACK. MIG SIGHTINGS WERE ONCE AGAIN REPORTED IN MR I THOUGH THEY WERE AGAIN VISUAL ONLY WITHOUT RADAR CONFIRMATION.

PART I- INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS)

1. AN ICCS HELICOPTER APPROACHING ICCS QUAN LONG SITE ON 25 JUNE HEARD A SHOT BUT ON LANDING FOUND NO DAMAGE. AFTER TAKING OFF THEY AGAIN THOUGHT THEY HAD SUSTAINED A HIT AND LANDED BUT FOUND NOTHING. HELICOPTER HAD CREW AND ONE CANADIAN ABOARD. COMMENT: GIVEN CURRENT FLURRY OF HELICOPTER INCIDENTS, CHOPPERS' CREWS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY JUMPY AND PERHAPS OVERREACTING.

2. ICCS HELICOPTER DID NOT FLY INTO AN LOC ON 25 JUNE BUT DID FLY IN ON JUNE 27, WITH NO REPORTED PROBLEM.

3. THE TWO ARTILLERY PIECES NEAR ICCS HEADQUARTERS HONG NGU WERE MOVED ON 26 JUNE. THE HUNGDELS HAVE SAID THEY WILL MOVE IN ON JUNE 28. NO DECISION YET FROM THE POLES AND INDONESIANS.

4. THE RECCE OF LAO BAO ON JUNE 20 RESULTED IN DECISION THAT SITE IS STILL NOT SUITABLE FOR OCCUPANCY. THE DECISION ON GIO LINH AWAITS SETTLE WITH PRG RE COMMUNICATIONS AND FREEDOM OF MOBILITY.

PART II- TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC)

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A GVN DEL STAFF OFFICER TOLD AN EMBOFF JUNE 26 THAT THE PRGDEL MEMBERS MAY BEGIN DEPLOYMENT TO THE SEVEN REGIONAL SITES THIS WEEK OR MORELIKELY NEXT WEEK. THIS TRAVEL IS BEING ARRANGED UNDER THE GUISE OF COORDINATING THE PICK- UP OF ADDITIONAL PRG PERSONNEL FROM COMMUNIST TERRITORY AND CAN BE DESCRIBED AS OTHER THAN " DEPLOYMENT" TO GET AROUND PREVIOUS PRGDEL RELUCTANCE (REF: SAIGON 11475). THE GVNDL TABLED A DRAFT STATEMENT OUTLINING A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF TPJMC COMMITMENTS TO THE ICCS AT THE JUNE 26 MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATION. GVNDL STAFF OFFICERS THOUGHT PRGDEL WOULD REJECT THE DRAFT WHICH AMONG OTHER POINTS STATES THAT THE ICCS HAS THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL AT ANY TIME WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC AIRWAYS, CORRIDORS, ALTITUDES OR TIMES. (SEPTTEL).

PART III- GVN/ PRG BILATERALS

1. VIETNAM PRESS REPORTS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NGUYEN LUU VIEN, RVN CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONFERENCE WAS BACK IN PARIS SUNDAY AFTER A WEEK- LONG STAY IN SAIGON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

2. TO NEWSMEN' S QUESTIONS AT ORLY AIRPORT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VIEN SAID THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE MARKED A PHASE IN THE PROCESS OF THE RESTORATION OF A GENUINE PEACE IN VIETNAM. FOR THIS REASON, HE DEEMED IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO RETURN TO SAIGON TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU.

PART IV- REACTION TO CAMBODIAN BOMBING CUT- OFF

HAI HA CHUNG, SPOKESMAN FOR THE GVN FOREIGN MINISTRY, SAID THE CUT- OFF OF FUNDS FOR BOMBING IN CAMBODIA BY THE U. S. CONGRESS WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM AND THE ENTIRE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA.

PART V- MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSES HOPE FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM

MFA ISSUED COMMUNIQUE JUNE 26 REFERRING TO SPECIAL STATEMENT ON JUNE 23 BY SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE WITH REGARD TO PEACE IN KOREA AND KOREAN UNIFICATION. MFA COMMUNIQUE ENDORSES STATEMENT BY PARK, SAYS GVN ALSO WISHES FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM AND RECALLS THAT IT MADE A FORMAL OFFER TO HANOI ON MAY 10 (SAIGON 8482) CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSING THE INITIATION OF TALKS ON THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM AS CALLED FOR BY ARTICLE 15 OF THE JANUARY 27 PARIS AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE NOTES THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY FROM HANOI BUT CONCLUDES WITH HOPE THAT HANOI WILL FINALLY REALIZE THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF MILITARY VICTORY EITHER BY INVASION OR GUERRILLA WARFARE AND WILL THEREFORE FACE UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FRATRICIDAL WAR WHICH HAS DECIMATED THE NATION.

PART VI- GVN SPOKESMAN SPECULATES ON POSSIBLE ARVN ACTION IN CAMBODIA

1. GVN SPOKESMAN BUI VAU TRUC SAID ON JUNE 27 THAT AS SIGNATORIES TO THE PARIS CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM RECOGNIZES THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS AS STATED IN ARTICLE 20, CHAPTER 7, OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES SHALL PUT AN END TO ALL MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS. THEREFORE, UP TO NOW WE HAVE NOT SENT, NOR PLANNED TO SEND, OUR TROOPS ACROSS THE BORDER, EVEN IN HOT PURSUIT. BUT AS EVERYONE CAN SEE THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS DIRECTLY INFLUENCES OUR SITUATION HERE IN VIETNAM. IT IS NOT WISE TO SEPARATE VIETNAM FROM CAMBODIA. AS OUR FOREIGN MINISTER ONCE SAID, THE SITUATION CAN BE COMPARED TO " LIP AND TEETH". WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FROM THE CAMBODIAN

GOVERNMENT, BUT IF AND WHEN RECEIVED, WE MIGHT GIVE IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

2. HE ADDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT IF US AIR SUPPORT IN CAMBODIA WERE STOPPED AND IF THIS CREATED A SERIOUS SITUATION THAT COULD HARM THE SECURITY OF VIETNAM, WE CERTAINLY WOULD RESPOND WITH WHATEVER MEANS WE HAVE.

3. TRUC' S STATEMENT IS RECEIVING HEAVY PLAY IN THE VIETNAMESE PRESS.

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PART VII- MR I

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE TWO- DAY REPORTING PERIOD WITH NO MAJOR ACTIONS INITIATED BY EITHER SIDE. ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), SEARCHES, MINE DETONATIONS AND OTHER LIGHTT ACTIVITY CONTINUED SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CORPS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SINIFICANT STATISTICS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
BROKEN OUT BY THE DATE THEY WERE BRIEFED AT I CORPS HQ.
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JUNE 26: SIX CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING FOUR
ABF (52 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND TWO HARASSMENTS. THREE ENGAGEMENTS WERE
ALSO SHOW. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 3 KIA, 9 WIA, ENEMY 9 KIA,
2 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 53 ROUNDS, ALL SOUTH OF THE
HAI VAN PASS.

JUNE 27: FIVE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED INCLUDING TWO
ABFS (12 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND THREE HARASSMENTS. ONE ENGAGEMENT WA
REFLECTED. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 1 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY 1 KIA, 18
VCI CAPTURED (REPORTED ABOVE). FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 129 ROUNDS ,
ALL SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

3. THE I CORPS TOC LOG FOR THE PERIOD ON JUNE 26 AT 1600 HOURS SHOWS
TWO ENTRIES REGARDING NVA AIR ACTIVITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. 261200 H: ON MIG 19 FLET FROM THE DIRECTION OF BA LONG TO THE
NHU LE (YD31 4482) AREA, THEN CROSSED THE THACH HAN RIVER AND
FLEW NORTH.

B. 261215 H: ONE MIG APPEARED IN QUANG TRI AIR SPACE, CIRCLED THREE
TIMES AND THEN FLEW NORTH.

C. DAO REP HAS CHECKED WITH G-3 WHO OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM
THE I CORPS AIR CONTROL CENTER. SIGHTINGS WERE BY GROUND FORCES.
THERE WAS NO RADAR CONFIRMATION.

4. POLOFF QUANG TIN REPORTS THAT COL DAO MONG XUAN, PROVINCE CHIEF
QUANG TIN, APPEARS DETERMINED TO OCCUPY ALL OF THE COASTAL PLAIN
OF TAM KY DISTRICT. UNTIL EARLY JUNE, HE HELD ONE OF HIS TOTAL OF
EIGHT RF BATTALIONS IN RESERVE OR TRAINING STATUS, BUT JUST BEFORE
JUNE 15 THAT BATTALION WAS COMMITTED TO STRENGTHEN THE GRADUAL
ADVANCE TOWARD THE FIRST RANGE OF LOW HILLS IN THE NORTHWESTERN
PART OF THE DISTRICT.

PART VIII- MR 2

1. MOST OF MR 2 CONTINUES QUIET, BUT FIGHTING IS STILL GOING ON IN
BINH DINH AND KONTUM. FOLLOWING FIGURES PERTAIN TO 48 - HOUR PERIOD :
TOTAL OF 34 INCIDENTS REPORTED; 12 IN BINH DINH, 11 IN KONTUM, FIVE
IN PHU YEN, THREE IN BINH THUAN, AND ONE EACH IN PLEIKU, NINH
THUAN AND TUYEN DUC.
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2. OF TOAL OF 12 INCIDENTS REPORTED IN BINH DINH DURING THE PERIOD,
NINE OCCURREDIN NORTHERN PHU MY DISTRICT. THIS REPRESENTS
CONSIDERABLE UPSURGE OF ACTIVITY FOR NORTHERN PHU MY, WHICH HAD BEEN

PEACEFUL FOR PAST MONTH OR SO. ENEMY INTENTIONS REFLECTED BY CURRENT ACTIVITY THERE ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT ACTIVITY COULD BE IN REACTION AGAINST RECENT EFFORTS OF 41 ST ARVN REGT TO EXPAND GVN CONTROL IN AREAS OF PHU MY TO THE EAST AND WEST OF QL 1.

3. ARRO REP KONTUM REPORTS THAT HEAVY FIGHTING IS CONTINUING IN THE TRUNG NGHIA AREA AND AROUND PLEI KLOK WITH HIGH CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES BUT PARTICULARLY ON THE SIDE OF THE VC/ NVA, WHO LOST 15 KIA IN LAST 24 HOURS. HEAVY TACAIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT OF ALL ENGAGEMENTS RVNAF FORCES, LED BY FOUR ARVN BATTALIONS, ARE MAKING SLOW HEADWAY AGAINST STIFF ENEMY RESISTANCE.

4. PHU YEN SECTOR JUNE 26 LAUNCHED AN OPERATION INVOLVING 11 COMPANIES TO CLEAR MINES FROM STRETCH OF ROUTE 7 B BETWEEN WESTERN TUY HOA DISTRICT AND SON HOA DISTRICT TOWN. OPERATION REPORTED TO BE PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. ROAD BEYOND SON HOA TOWN TO PHU BON BORDER ALREADY OPEN TO TRAFFIC, WITH CONVOY OF SEVEN TRUCKS REPORTEDLY HAVING SUCCESSFULLY DRIVEN TO PHU TUC TOWN, PHU BON ON JUNE 26.

5. ICCS TEAM HAD PLANNED TO ARRIVE IN QUANG DUC JUNE 26 TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION OF SERIES OF RECENT INCIDENTS, BUT INVESTIGATION WAS CALLED OFF BY ORDER OF ICCS CHAIRMAN IN PHAN THIET BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS THAT FIRINGS CAME FROM POSITIONS ACROSS THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, STATING ICCS HAS NO JURISDICTION TO CARRY ITS INVESTIGATIONS ACROSS BORDER INTO CAMBODIA.

6. SIX- MAN ICCS POE TEAM AT CAM RANH (NO POLES) REMAINS INACTIVE BUT WOULD BEGIN TO CHECK CARGOES IF TPJMC LIAISON OFFICERS WERE PRESENT. ACCORDING TO ARRO REP ICCS HAS REQUESTED THAT LIAISON OFFICERS FROM TPJMC AT NINH HOA BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO CAN RANH, BUT APPARENTLY NO RESPONSE SO FAR HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING.

PART IX- MR 3

LXT MR 3 G-2 REPORTS EXPERIENCING CONTINUED LOW LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE REGION DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS ENDING 0800 JUNE 27.
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TEN MILITARY CLASHES WERE REPORTED IN THE FIRST 24 HOURS INCREASING SLIGHTLY TO 17 DURING THE FINAL 24 HOURS FOR A TOTAL OF 27. REPORTED WERE 12 GROUND CONTACTS, 15 ATTACKS BY FIRE (FOUR OVER 20 ROUNDS) AND TWO FIRINGS ON VNAF HELICOPTERS (ONE BY TWO SA-7 MISSILES IN TAY NINH PROVINCE). ONE CIVILIAN ASSASSINATION (HAU NGHIA) TOOK PLACE AND THERE WERE TWO COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA EFFORTS AT TON LE CHAM. RVNAF CASUALTIES WERE FIVE KILLED, 26 WOUNDED AND FOUR MISSING. THREE CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED IN ABFS. TOTAL VC/ NVA LOSSES DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS WERE SIX KIA, THREE CAPTURED.

2. HIGH MR 3 SOURCE CONFIRMS THAT SAIGON HAS ORDERED ROAD CLEARING OPERATIONS ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY 14 AND INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 2. IMMEDIATE PURPOSE OF HIGHWAY 14 OPERATION IS TO CLEAR ROAD FOR

CONVOY OF MILITARY SUPPLIES UP TO SONG BE- PHUOC BINH AREA, BUT RVNAF TROOPS ARE ORDERED TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE AND CONTROL ALONG THESE OCS TO STRENGTHEN GVN'S HAND IN COMING TPJMC NEGOTIATIONS ON ZONES OF CONTROL AND CORRIDORS.

3. PHUOC TUY PROVINCE CHIEF LTC HUYNH BUU SON TOLD CONGEN AFTERNOON JUNE 26 THAT RVNAF WOULD ALSO LAUNCH OPERATION MORNING JUNE 27 TO CLEAR ALL OF INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 2 BETWEEN DUC THANH DISTRICT TOWN IN PHUOC TUY TO XUAN LOC TOWN IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE. OPERATION WILL COMBINE TERRITORIAL FORCES FROM TWO PROVINCES WITH ELEMENTS OF 48 TH REGIMENT OF ARVN 18 TH INFANTRY DIV, WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING ALONG ROUTE 2 SINCE SHORTLY AFTER JANUARY CEASEFIRE.

4. ARVN 5 TH DIV CG BG LICH TOLD CONSUL JUNE 25 THAT HE THOUGHT CONTINUING VC/ NVA CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS SINCE CEASEFIRE II RESULTED FROM INABILITY OF THE COMMUNISTS TO DISSEMINATE ORDER TO OBSERVE STRICTLY THE CF TO ALL COMMUNIST TACTICAL UNITS. NONETHELESS LICH WAS CONVINCED THAT COMMUNISTS' TACTICS WOULD ULTIMATELY BE PRIMARILY MILITARY. AFTER REBUILDING THE DECIMATED RANKS OF VILLAGE- LEVEL VCI AND GUERRILLAS, THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO TIE GVN MAIN FORCES DOWN WITH GUERRILLA ACTIVITY AND THEN STRIKE WITH A FULL SCALE OFFENSIVE.

5. IN BRIEFINGS OF CONGEN JUNE 26, PROVINCE CHIEFS OF BINH TUY, PHUOC TUY AND LONG KHANH ALL TOLD THE SAME STORY; YES, THINGS ARE VERY QUIET RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT PEACE IS AT HAND. NONE TRUSTS THE PRG ANY MORE NOW THAN IN THE PAST. ALL BELIEVE THAT FIGHTING WILL RESUME SOMETIME; IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF WHEN.
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PART X- MR 4

1. MR IV REPORTED 30 ALLEGED VC/ NVA CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS JUNE 25 AND 30 MORE JUNE 26. ON JUNE 25 THERE WERE FOUR GROUND ATTACKS, 18 ABFS, SEVEN HARASSMENTS, AND ONE TERRORIST ACT; THE NEXT DAY SAW TWO GROUND ATTACKS, 22 ABFS, FIVE HARASSMENTS, AND ONE VC INFILTRATION INCIDENT. RVNAF LOSSES WERE 19 KILLED, 148 WOUNDED, AND TWO MISSING ON JUNE 25, AND 22 KILLED AND 96 WOUNDED THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE VC REPORTEDLY LOST 64 KILLED JUNE 25 AND 33 JUNE 26.

2. THE UNRELIABILITY OF MR IV BRIEFING FIGURES IS UNDERLINED BY WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A CONSIDERABLE DEFEAT INFLICTED UPON THE ARVN JUNE 26 IN DHUONG THIEN. MR IV RECEIVED THE NEWS BUT DECLINED TO MENTION THE BATTLE IN THE DAILY BRIEFING. WE UNDERSTAND THE THIRD BATTALION OF THE 9 TH ARVN DIVISION'S 16 TH REGIMENT CLASHED WITH TWO BATTALIONS OF THE VC D-1 REGIMENT AT APPROXIMATELY 1430 HOURS IN HOA AN VILLAGE NEAR ROUTE 31. EARLY REPORTS INDICATE ARVN LOST 70 KIA AND 60 WEAPONS, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF WOUNDED AND MISSING. THESE FIGURES SUGGEST THE ARVN BATTALION MAY HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED AND FLED

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THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

3. AN RVNAF GROUP BLOODIED A FORCE OF NVA INFILTRATORS IN A SHARP CLASH JUNE 19, SOUTHWEST OF KIEN AND DISTRICT TOWN, KIEN GIANG. THE GVN FORCE CAUGHT UP WITH THE NVA AND, ACCORDING TO KIEN GIANG SECTOR, KILLED 38 AND CAPTURED FOUR OF THEIR ENEMY. THE GVN FORCE LOST FOUR KILLED, 17 WOUNDED, AND AN APC. MR IV RECENTLY HAS SENT TWO RANGER BATTALIONS TO KIEN GIANG TO REINFORCE EFFORTS TO CLOSE OFF VC/NVA INFILTRATIONS ALONG THE 1-C SUPPLY CORRIDOR WHICH RUNS THROUGH THE PROVINCE.

4. AMERICAN SOURCES SAY VC ATTACKED A HAMLET OFFICE JUNE 24 IN VINH QUOI VILLAGE, NGA NAN DISTRICT, BA XUYEN, KILLING THE HAMLET CHIEF, THREE PF, AND ONE PSDF. SIX CIVILIANS WERE KIDNAPPED, TWO PF WOUNDED, AND 18 WEAPONS LOST. MR IV BRIEFERS DID NOT REPORT THIS INCIDENT.

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5. AN ICCS CANADIAN MAJOR IN CAN THO TOLD A VICE CONSUL THAT AN ICCS HELICOPTER WAS TWICE FIRED UPON IN CA MAU, AN XUYEN, DURING THE MORNING OF JUNE 26. THE HELICOPTER, WITH A CANADIAN, A HUNGARIAN, AND A CREW OF TWO ON BOARD, RECEIVED A SINGLE ROUND OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE SPIRALING DOWN UPON CA MAU AT APPROXIMATELY 1130 HOURS. THE SHIP RECEIVED ANOTHER ROUND FROM A DIFFERENT GROUND LOCATION AS IT WAS TAKING OFF A FEW MINUTES LATER. THE CANADIANS DECIDED THE CASUAL FIRE SUGGESTED BORED GVN SOLDIERS, RATHER THAN HOSTILE VC, WERE RESPONSIBLE, SO THEY DECIDED NOT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT. RATHER SURPRISINGLY, NEITHER DID THE POLSE AND HUNGARIANS.

6. VC/NVA INCIDENTS HAVE DECLINED IN DINH TUONG DURING THE CF II BUT AUTHORITIES REMAIN SKEPTICAL. ARVN CONTINUES OPERATIONS AT CF I LEVEL AND HAS EXPANDED ITS ACTIVITIES INTO TRI PHAP VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN KIEN TUONG. THE VC/NVA HAVE NOT YET FOUND A WAY TO EFFECTIVELY COUNTER THIS ENCROACHMENT, BUT THE GVN IS FAR FROM GAINING REAL CONTROL OVER THE CONTESTED AREA.
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